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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

### For Sale.

#### FOR SALE.

LONDON:—F. ALCAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.  
PARIS AND EUROPE:—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.  
NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.  
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.  
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BRAM & BLACK, San Francisco.  
SINGAPORE AND STRAITS:—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZEN & Co., Manila.  
CHINA:—Macao, MEERS A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Sotavento, CAMPBELL & Co. Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. Fouchow, HEDGES & Co. Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAVEN & Co.

### Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND,.....1,200,000 Dollars.

### Court of Directors.

Chairman.—F. D. SASOON, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman.—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
E. R. BEILLIUS, Esq. A. MOYER, Esq.  
H. L. DALYMPLE, WILHELM REINERS, Esq.  
H. HOEPFLER, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.  
Hon. W. KESWICK.

### Chief Manager.

Hongkong,.....THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Manager.

Shanghai,.....EWEN CAMERON, Esq.  
London Bankers.—London and County Bank.

### Hongkong.

#### Interest Allowed.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

### Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8% per Annum.  
" 6 " 4% "  
" 12 " 5% "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,  
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....\$500,000.  
RESERVE FUND,.....\$150,000.  
Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

### The City Bank.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

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### For Sale.

### EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.  
LETTS'S DIARIES. LETTS'S DIARIES.  
RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.  
RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.  
HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS.  
French and English BOOTS and SHOES.  
The New Patent LIFE VESTS.  
PONY HARNESS, CHUM's FIREPROOF SAFES.  
SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES.  
HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS.  
COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.  
SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.  
FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.  
CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.  
PARTAGA's HAVANA CIGARS.

BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.  
DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.  
PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.  
DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.  
CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.  
AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.  
SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.  
BASS'S ALE, GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.  
Bass in Hhds, SACCOONE'S SHERRIES.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**  
Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

### Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.,  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER  
MANUFACTURERS,  
AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS  
AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, December 20, 1878. ja20

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

EXTRA STEAMER TO CANTON.

THE "KIN-SHAN" will make a Trip  
to CANTON and BACK on SUNDAY  
Next, the 19th Instant, leaving Hongkong  
at 8 a.m., and CANTON at 4 p.m.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 15, 1879. ja19

### Intimations.

MOORE & Co.,  
"VARIETY STORE,"  
NEWS-AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.  
No. 42, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

### NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Just Arrived from England; an Elegant Assortment of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.  
Hongkong, November 26, 1878. fel

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS  
STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,  
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

### NOTICE.

THE Head Office of the CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, is This Day REMOVED to No. 99, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

J. BRADLEY SMITH,  
General Agent,  
pro tem.

Hongkong, December 30, 1878. ja30

### HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the SOCIETY will take place about the middle of FEBRUARY next.

The Days of Exhibition will be advertized at an early date.

W. M. B. ARTHUR,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

### NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER,  
Dr EASTLACE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,  
No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

### NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
IN LIQUIDATION.

MR. H. SCHÜREN begs to advertise  
that he will leave this Colony for  
Europe on or about the 8th of March next,  
and that therefore no Photos can be taken  
by him after the 28th of February.

Hongkong, January 13, 1879. ja13

### NOTICE.

F. HUTCHING S. beg to announce to the Community  
of Hongkong that he will be able to supply

BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from  
1st October, and trusts that they may  
grant him their support.

Shop — WELLINGTON STREET, opposite  
the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

### NOTICE.

BY ORDER,  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Liquidators.

Hongkong, January 4, 1879. ja28

### Auctions.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

ON

SATURDAY,

the 18th January, 1879, at Noon, at

No. 1, Albany, the Residence of

Messrs OLIPHANT & Co.,

the whole of the

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

comprising:—

English-made Walnut Drawing-Room Suite,

Black Walnut Bookcase, Marble-top Tables, Pier Glasses, Engravings, Bronzes, &c.

Blackwood Dining Table and Carved Marble-top Sideboard.

Morocco-covered Chairs, Whatnots,

Dinner and Breakfast Sets, Hand Painted Dessert Sets, Glass and Plated Ware.

1 Set Silver Ware.

English-made Mahogany Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door, Bedsteads, Chest of Drawers, Writing Table, Marble-top Washstand and Dressing Table, and Books.

One PIANO, by CHIKERING,

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the

whole to be on view on and after Fri-

day, the 17th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja18

#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received in-  
structions from Messrs BIRLEY & CO.

to sell by Public Auction, by

Order of the Mortgagors, on or about

the 20th JANUARY, 1879, the 1st Class

IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP

"A M E R I C A,"

of 553 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873

by Messrs. J. and R. SWAN, of Dumbar-

ton, and Engined by Messrs. TON and

McGREGOR, of Glasgow, with Compound

Vertical Direct-Acting Surface-Condensing

Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal),

working up to 450 H.P. effective; Con-

sumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons;

Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of

Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 25 and 43 inches; Boiler Multibular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth, extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 9 in.; Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.; Draft, light, 9 feet; loaded, 17 feet; D. W

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from This Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jy1

## NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

MR. J. J. HOWARD is hereby authorized to SIGN BILLS OF LADING by the Company's Steamers.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879. fe2

## NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT and AUDITOR.

THOS. ARNOLD.

16, Back Buildings, Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

## NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS hitherto Conducted by us at this Port, CANTON and SHANGHAI will be CONTINUED from This Date under the Style and Title of VOGEL & Co.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

## NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH,

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. OTTO BENZEKE in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1878.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Canton, Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of JOHN GRANT SMITH and WILLIAM DOLAN in our Firm CEASED on the 31st day of December, 1878.

MACHEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1878. fe4

## NOTICE.

WE have Established a BRANCH of our Firm at SHANGHAI.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1878. ja31

## NOTICE.

I Have This Day RESUMED my BUSINESS AS MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Club Chamber, Hongkong, December 21, 1878. fe1

## NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENEKE,

Office, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

## NOTICE.

WE have To-day entered into Partnership under the Firm of DENEKE & GEORG as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS.

CARL DENEKE.

Pedder's Hill, No. 2, Hongkong, January 15, 1879. fe1

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to CLOSE his Firm at SWATOW, hereby notifies all that DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay.

The Interest and Good will of his Business has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs N. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have This Day Established a BRANCH of their Firm at SWATOW, and have authorized Mr. G. D. FITMAN to sign for Procurement.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

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CHUN AXIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

In Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the CHINA MAIL from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Editor of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## To Let.

TO BE LET.

HOUSES Nos. 5 and 9, Zetland Street.

DAVID SASSON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

## To Let.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GO-

DOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60,

Praya Central.

Apply to

WO HANG,

Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

## To Let.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue House, situate on Praya East:-

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession

1st February.

## As also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandahs looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

## To Let.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE Lot 65.

## Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Reited.

For further particulars, apply to

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

## To BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to

TURNER & CO.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

FONTAINAY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—ARNHOLD, Karberg & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A. Morrison.—MEYER & CO.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gouyo.—LANDSTEIN & CO.

S. R. BEAUX, American barque, Capt. A. E. Oake.—RUSSELL & CO.

PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt. R. Wills.—Chinese.

MAID OF JUDAH, British barque, Capt. Alfred W. Webb.—REARIS & CO.

DAVINA, British barque, Captain Geo. Scott.—ARNHOLD, Karberg & Co.

PACIFIC, German steamer, Capt. Hermann.—SIEMENS & CO.

PILGRIM, American ship, Capt. Fowle.—RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, January 16, 1878. ja18

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. CULLEN, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, January 16, 1878. ja18

## CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

BY Order of the Court of Directors, I have To-day HANDED OVER CHARGE of this BRANCH to MR. JAMES SOMERVILLE.

WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.

Hongkong, January 16, 1878.

## BERLIN COLOGNE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, BERLIN.

Guarantee Funds of the Company's Reinsurers. M. 100,000,000

Shareholders' Capital, " 6,000,000

Premiums and Interests, " 5,157,643

Reserves, " 1,666,122

Makes a Grand Total of... M. 112,823,763

Capital Insured end of 1877, M. 1,924,507,681

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been Appointed AGENTS GENERAL for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances to the extent of \$50,000 on First-class Risks at Current Rates.

GROSSMANN & CO., Agents General.

Hongkong, January 16, 1878. ja18

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## ARRIVED.

Spartan, for Foochow.  
Min-y-ien, for San Francisco.  
Rajahannubar, for Bangkok.  
Laura R. Burnham, for Guam.  
Crusader, for Honolulu.  
Taiwan, for Chefoo.

## PASSENGERS.

Arrived.

Per China, from Yokohama: for Hongkong, Messrs Keawick, Faber, and Callaway, l.c.; 3 Seamen, E.N., 1 European deck, 10 Chinese deck, and 3 Distressed British Seaman; for Singapore, 1 European deck; for Southampton, Mr. W. Milne.

Per Malacca, from Hongkong: from Southampson, Dr. and Mrs. Tayler; from Bombay, Mr. B. Alharakut; from Penang, Hong Beng Kaw for Foochow, 5 Chinese for Amoy, 3 Chinese for Swatow, and 18 Chinese for Hongkong; from Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Messrs J. M. Hood, Van Stijn, L. Hondret, Col. Dickins, 1 Servant and Syc, 1 Sapper, 12 Chinese; for Yokohama: from Brindisi, H. R. Prince Hashikoshi and Friend; for Shanghai: from Venice, Mr. C. Immer.

Per Yutung, from Swatow, 78 Chinese, and 6 Europeans deck.

Departed.

Per Tigre, for Shanghai: from Marseilles, Mr. Bras, Rev. and Mrs. Galpin, Fathers Inerry and Bray, Soeurs Louise, Felicite and Philomene, Mrs. Hall's servant, and Mr. Huart.

Per Fuyer, for Shanghai, 100 Chinese.

To Depart.

Per Rajahannubar, for Bangkok, 98 Chinese.

## THE CENTRAL SCHOOL.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The Annual distribution of Prizes at the Central School was made by His Excellency the Governor at noon to-day, in the presence of more than the usual number of visitors on such occasions. Among those present were Lady Smale, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Snowden, the Hottas, H. Lowcock and P. Ryrie, Mr. J. Russell, Major Palmer (H. E.'s aide-de-camp) Dr. W. Young, Dr. R. Young, Mr. J. J. Francis, Rev. J. C. Edge, Mr. D. Crawford, Mr. J. D. Hutchinson, and Mr. A. G. Romano. Before distributing the prize His Excellency busied himself for some time among the boys, endeavouring to test their knowledge on various subjects by oral and written questions. On returning to the Hall,

His Excellency said: My first duty to-day, in accordance with our usual custom, is to distribute the prizes, and after the distribution I shall venture to say a few words. The first prize on the list is the Morrison Scholarship for the best scholar in the school. Lo Atik is the recipient. I have myself been examining Mr. Lo Atik, and I have much pleasure in giving him this, the first prize in the School (Applause). Thanks to the munificence of Dr. M. Mason and to the arrangements made by the Trustees this pupil will receive \$60 per annum for three years, and I now give him that sum for the first year. Chung Kai Ming also receives \$60 for the third year of this Scholarship. Last year I had the pleasure of giving him a prize, and this year I had the satisfaction of seeing him in charge of one of the rooms upstairs, where he was employed in teaching his young countrymen English. In the school-room over which he presides none of the pupils could speak a word of English last year. To-day, however, I found, on examining these scholars myself, that ten or twelve of them had a fair knowledge of colloquial English. I think very satisfactory progress has been made in his department, and I have the pleasure of handing him \$60. This is the third year he has received the prize, and he is now employed in the School teaching English. (Applause.) Tean Kit Fai also receives \$60 for the second year of the Morrison Scholarship, and I have pleasure now of handing it to him (Applause).

I may now tell you that amongst the little boys that I examined in the room above I found that one Lo Atik had made, during the twelve months that he and his companions there had been working steadily at colloquial English, such progress in the language that I thought it my duty to give that little boy a prize for what he had done. It is a small sum, but upon this card he will find an order for \$14 for his progress in colloquial English (applause).

The numerous prizes having been distributed, His Excellency said he would ask a gentleman who represented the Trustees of the Morrison Scholarship to say a few words with reference to that Scholarship.

The gentleman to whom he referred was the Rev. Mr. Edge, who would probably favour them with a few remarks.

The Revd. J. C. Edge, of the London Missionary Society, thus spoke as follows:

—Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—As a missionary I have special pleasure in coming here to-day. The work of educating the young has great claims upon the interest of all right-thinking men, and I cannot speak even a few words here without thanking Your Excellency for the kindly interest that you have taken in this work since your arrival in Hong Kong. The mission schools in this place are liberally supported by the Government, I believe more liberally now than at any former time, and I venture to say that we should be unreasonable did we expect or ask more assistance than we are now receiving. We are not hindered in our proper work of religious instruction by any undue restriction on the part of the Government; on the contrary, the pecuniary help granted for the results of our secular teaching has made it possible for us to give to the Chinese, what, so far as my experience goes, they are quite willing to receive—a religious education; and in addition to this Your Excellency has visited most of the Mission Schools, much to the encouragement of the teachers and to the benefit of the scholars. I know, of course, that this school and in fact all the Government Schools are Secular Schools. But, Sir, the boys here receive a good education; I am thankful for that and am not in the least grieved that that education is secular. As a Christian man and as a missionary I say emphatically that I cannot expect the Government of Hong Kong to burden itself with the care of souls. Now, Sir, if you will allow me, I will say one word in reference to the Morrison scholarship that you have just given away. It is conferred upon the boy who has gained the greatest number of marks in the Annual School examination. The Head-master of this school, the Senior Missionary of the London Missionary Society and the Minister of Union Church are the trustees of this fund; they represent the Missionary Society and the Community of Hong Kong, and in that capacity they heartily congratulate the boy who has gained the scholarship, especially as he undertakes to remain in this school three years longer. I wish, Sir, that you had many more scholarships to present under similar conditions. Permit me to say a word to the school. You are getting, boys, the best education the Hong Kong Government can give you, and we all hope that in your after life you will show yourselves worthy of the labour and the money that have been spent upon you. Remember, that you will have many things to learn after you have left the school. We are giving you the English language; that will open up to you many subjects that you ought all to know well, even if you don't hear them here. Make a good use of your education; be truthful and honest, and you will do a great deal towards making your native country great and powerful. (Applause).

His Excellency—When I had the pleasure of addressing you last year, I drew your attention to what I considered to be a defect in the Central School and in the other Government Schools, namely, the want of teaching of English. So far as the results of the very superficial examination I made at that time, and the information I obtained from Mr. Stewart, enabled me to test the teaching of English, I ascertained that out of the 412 Chinese boys then attending the school, these figures were given to me by

observation goes, answers from memory of certain definitions, and when the boys are taken out of the beaten track, no matter how slightly, no answer can be given. Therefore I say something must be done if we are to continue teaching Chemistry. With respect to Geometry I have a somewhat similar tale to tell you, though in some respects it is a little more satisfactory. Some of the boys I examined answered pretty fairly, but upon the whole, I am bound to say that although I gave them elementary questions, the answers showed that they had but a slender knowledge of the facts. Now what are we to do with respect to the teaching of such subjects as Chemistry and Geometry? I think it very desirable that we should in this Colony maintain the teaching of such subjects, but it seems useless to teach them as we have been going on, and a waste of the master's and pupil's time. Therefore I think it is necessary for my friends of the Education Conference, to whom I will refer the details of the subject, to consider what steps we might take with respect either to erasing the subjects from the studies of the School, or introducing a more thorough teaching of them. No doubt the latter step would entail expense, but in considering the matter of expense, I have every reason to know that the fathers of most of the boys who are listening to me now—men of wealth, shopkeepers in this town—will be only too glad to pay a little more in school fees when they find the standard of education in these subjects is really raised; and therefore it may be possible for us to improve our system and not to incur any additional expense to the rate-payers. You may remember that last year I referred to the fact also that in Government schools outside this institution—in the various small schools throughout the Colony—no English was taught. We had not a single Government School, excepting this one, in which English was taught, and the Education Conference agreed with me entirely that we should endeavour to have English taught in other Government Schools than the Central School. It did so happen that a former pupil of this school was supposed to be teaching English in a village school at Aberdeen, and a very curious fact was brought to light on an inspection being made by my learned friend, Dr. Etel. Mr. Stewart was under the impression that there was some repugnance on the part of the people of Aberdeen to learn English, and that the reason why the Government school there was so thinly attended, was that there was some indifference to the advantages of public education in Aberdeen. But my learned friend, Dr. Etel, reported that in Aberdeen, in addition to the Government School, which was certainly very slender in its attendance, there were three other schools—three schools maintained by Chinese residents in that little village for the education of their children; and those Chinese shopkeepers are prepared, and I think next month they will begin, to contribute something for the payment of English teaching in one of their schools. So that to begin with, we know that in Aberdeen there was no unwillingness whatever to have education, and they actually preferred to send their children to schools for which they paid, than to send them to our own schools because they did not think the master was an efficient man. And it turned out that he was not efficient. Mr. Falconer made a report regarding the man, who was brought here, and it was shown that he was naturally incapacitated for a teacher, and I think the result is that we have got a more efficient teacher for Aberdeen. There we shall be teaching English shortly, and in other schools we are now teaching the language. In Wong-nei-chong we have a flourishing school and the villages contribute themselves a portion of the salary of the teacher who is teaching English there. In other villages we have proceeded in the same way. What has been done has been done slowly and cautiously, but we are making progress in these village schools, and I hope next year, when I have the pleasure of addressing you in this Hall, may we, with the assistance of Mr. Stewart, be able to give you a still more favourable account of English teaching. (Applause.) Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have only to thank the ladies who have been good enough to come here to-day, and this Honor Mr. Snowden, the Member of the Legislative Council and other gentlemen I see here, for their attendance on this occasion, and to inform the boys that they will now have the usual month's holiday. Three cheers were given by the boys for His Excellency, and the proceeding terminated.

## PRIZE LIST.

## Special Prizes.

1. Best Scholar, Lo Atik, Morrison School, presented by Morrison Trustees.  
2. English Speaking, Lo Atik, \$10, presented by H. E. the Governor.  
3. Composition, A. Machado, Watch, presented by Hon. F. Snowden.  
4. Translation, Hung Kam-shing, Traveling Clock, presented by F. Stewart, Esq.  
5. Translation, Lo Pi-khan, Latham's Dictionary, presented by The Rev. Dr. Etel.

## Ordinary Prizes.

I. Class.—1, Yam Kwan-un, Watch; 2, Hung Toat-sing, Box of Paints, presented by Friend, S. A. Ramjan, Silver Pencil; 3, Chan A-shan, Silver Pencil Case; 4, Li Fuk-on, Silver Pencil Case; 5, Yehmhu, Silver Pencil Case.

IV. Class Un-ko-kok, Watch; 2, Sham Tin-shan, Alarm Clock; presented by Mr. Murray; 3, Wong Tai-wa, Pencil Case; 4, Bi Alaraku, Pencil Case.

V. Class.—1, Letng U-in, Watch, presented by A. G. Romano, Esq.; 2, Hung Mungh-chu, Gold Pencil Case.

VI. Class.—1, Wan Kit-as, Watch, presented by A. G. Romano, Esq.; 2, Kwan Shui-ping, Silver Pencil Case, presented by P. McKinney.

VII. Class.—1, Ch'an A-tuin, Watch, presented by C. P. Chater, Esq.; 2, Chau Sul-jam, Silver Pencil Case, presented by Mr. McKinney.

VIII. Class.—1, Lo A-wai, Watch, presented by Mr. Kok Tsung; 2, Lo Tung-san, Knife.

X. Class.—1, Li Te-hsun, Alarm Clock; 2, Kwok Kam-wing, Knife; 3, Tsang Chin-chun, Chalmers' Dictionary.

X. Class.—1, Chan A-tuin, Alarm Clock, presented by J. Gerrard, Esq.; 2, Chan A-yen, Pencil Case, presented by A. G. Romano, Esq.; 3, Ng A-ho, Pencil Case, presented by A. G. Romano, Esq.

## CHINESE CLASSES.

## Fortnightly Examinations.

I. Class.—Luk Hing-nam, Alarm Clock.

II. Class.—Luk Lo-nam, Alarm Clock, presented by Mr. Arthur.

## Ordinary Prizes.

I. Class.—1, Yetng Un-mi, Watch, presented by Mr. Wong Tsao-ting; 2, Chan Tse-cheung, Silver Pencil Case.

II. Class.—1, Luk King-pam, Alarm Clock, presented by Dr. Young; 2, Ho Tun-yung, Silver Pencil Case, presented by Dr. Young.

III. Class.—1, Wong Kwok-fai, Ivory Pencil Case, presented by Mr. Chin Chi-yeung; 2, Ho A-shing, Ivory Pencil Case, presented by Mr. Chin Chi-yeung.

IV. Class.—1, U I-fong, Ivory Pencil Case, presented by Mr. Fung Shui; 2, Yung A-heung, Ivory Pencil Case, presented by Mr. Ch'a Kai-ming.

Chinese Class for Europeans, &c.

I. Division.—1, Ram Sammi, Watch, presented by Hon. J. Russell; 2, Shek Akbar, Denny's Handbook.

II. Division.—1, S. A. Raman, Denny's Handbook; 2, Slam-plume, Penknife.

III. Division.—F. Sunnett, Chalmers' Dictionary.

## ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

## TELEGRAMS.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Mahua*, Captain P. S. Tomlin, with the London mail, arrived at Jaffna on the 14th, and has finished a reconnaissance to the top of Shutargardan. The cold there is severe.

Onward movement thus far is necessary to complete the defeat of 2nd instant.

A second telegram dated Ali Khel 11th instant telegraphed from Thull on the 14th, states:—"We returned to Ali Khel yesterday. Not a shot fired since leaving Shutargardan. Whole country from Thull to Shutargardan quite friendly. Arranging with the Ghilzais for the protection of the road from Ali Khel to Shutargardan."

A third telegram dated Ali Khel 12th, telegraphed from Thull on the 14th, states:—"Camp leaves Ali Khel to-day en route for Kurrarn. The troops on the Peiwar Kohtal are well and carefully looked after by General Thewall. The position is rapidly being placed in thorough defence. The road up to Kohtal is now fit for wheeled artillery. Ali well."

Bombay, Dec. 31, 1878.—An official statement says that the Khan of Khelat

desires to co-operate in the advance on Candahar.

London, Dec. 31.—The call on the shareholders of the Glasgow Bank realized £800,000.

The Secretary has been released and will be a witness on behalf of the Crown.

It is announced that the Glasgow Bank will pay a dividend of five shillings on 15th February.

## (From Indian Papers.)

London, Dec. 21.—Consols being repeated, Rentes 113*1*/*2*, Bar Silver 4*2*/*3*, Payments into Bank about £25,900, Market rate of discount higher than Banks', Cotton steady, Oriental Bank Corporation shares £30, Chartered Mercantile Bank £21, Chartered £17 10.

Hongkong and Shanghai £32.

Constantinople, Dec. 22.—The Turkish Commissioners have been appointed for the rectification of the Greek frontier.

London, Dec. 23.—In a leading article upon the subject of the flight of the Amer from Kabul for Turkistan, accompanied by the remaining officers of the Russian Mission, Yakub Khan was released and left at Kabul. The Amer seems to have nearly lost authority at Kabul before his departure, and large numbers of his soldiers had deserted. Our troops were expected to reach Jellalabad on Friday.

Bombay, Dec. 28.—Jellalabad was occupied by Sir Sam Browne's force at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The 10th Hussars, some of the Guides, the I. E., R. H. A., and Macpherson's infantry brigade marched in.

## DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERVICES.

We understand that Commander Pauli, R.N., now H.M. Consul at Cadiz, will succeed Mr. Palgrave as Consul at Manila, and that Mr. Annesley, Vice-Consul at Osaka, Japan, will be transferred as H.M. Consul at Reunion. Mr. Mounsey, late Secretary to the Legation in Japan, may be shortly expected to arrive in this country for his transfer to the Legation at Athens. Mr. Kennedy, who succeeds Mr. Mounsey as Secretary to H.M. Legation at Yedo, will leave England by the French mail of the 20th instant. Mr. Everard, at present Acting Assistant Chinese Secretary at Peking, proceeds to Nanchang, and will probably have charge of the Consulate when Mr. Adkins takes leave. Mr. Hillier will proceed to Peking to succeed Mr. Everard. Mr. Hurst, now at Canton, proceeds to Chefoo, and will be succeeded by Mr. Hosie. The promotion opened by the retirement of Mr. Pedder, Mr. King, and Mr. Hughes, have not yet been filled up. According to the Foreign Office List we find the services of Commander Pauli and Mr. Kennedy thus recorded:

Commander William Bergen Pauli, R.N., F.R.G.S., entered the Navy in June, 1843; was promoted to be lieutenant May, 1854; served in the Baltic in 1855 (Medal) and China during the war in 1857-58 (Medal with Clasp); was promoted to be commander May 10, 1866, and retired the same year; was appointed Vice-Consul at Caldera, Chile, Sept. 2, 1872; was transferred to Cartagena, Spain May 31, 1873, and was present during the bombardment of that town by the Government troops, against whom it was held by the Intrusantes. Was appointed to be Consul in the island of Porto Rico, April 27, 1874, where he was also Post-office agent. Was Acting French Consul from Sept., 1875, till Oct., 1876. Was appointed Consul for the province of Andalusia, to reside at Cadiz, March 29, 1877.

John Gordon Kennedy, who passed the first Christy College, Oxford, and passed the first public examination in Nov., 1857; was appointed to Mexico, March 6, 1858; passed an examination, and obtained an honorary certificate the same day; was temporarily attached to the Embassy at Paris from June 2 till Aug. 14, 1858, when he was permanently appointed to that Embassy; was transferred to Vienna, June 28, 1859, and to Washington, April 19, 1862; passed a second examination Feb. 20, 1862; was promoted to Third Secretary March 25, 1863; was transferred to Vienna Feb. 20, 1865; was promoted to Second Secretary and transferred to Bogota Oct. 26, 1866, (but did not proceed thither), and to Constantinople Feb. 2, 1868, where he was Private Secretary to Sir Henry Elliot on his mission to Egypt in Oct., 1869, as Her Majesty's representative at the opening of the Suez Canal; and transferred to Brussels Aug. 21, 1871, and to Rome Aug. 6, 1874; was employed in the Foreign office for some months in 1874-75.

The Duke of Edinburgh is appointed Rear Consols 9*1*/*2*.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—There is no official confirmation of the report that the Ameer has gone to Balkh with the Russian Mission.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The press here generally declare that the Afghan War will end in making England and Russia immediate neighbours.

THE AFGHAN WAR.

Calcutta, Dec. 20.—Captain Goad, wounded in the attack on General Roberts' baggage, has died.

General Brown, with a portion of his forces, marched towards Jellalabad on the 18th. He was expected to arrive there yesterday. It is reported that a large number of fighting men are collected at a village beyond Ali Masjid. Troops will be sent against them. The native state that Yakub Khan is released. The Ameer has sent his family and treasure to Mainmane.

Chitun, Dec. 22.—Two Pathans of the 29th Punjab regiment, Hazrat Shah and Shere Baz, have been tried on charges of firing their rifles with intent to give information to the enemy of the whereabouts of the British troops at Peiwar on the 2nd. One Jemadar has been placed on trial for not giving information as to the conduct of these men and eighteen Sepoys for desertion. Hazrat Shah has been sentenced to death by hanging. Shere Baz, who was found guilty of firing his rifle but not with intent to give information to the enemy, was sentenced to two years rigorous punishment. Jemadar to seven years imprisonment, and eighteen deserters to seven, ten, and fourteen years' imprisonment each. On the 24th Hazrat Shah was hanged in the presence of the whole Force. The prisoner, who was led to the scaffold by a few Sikhs belonging to the 29th, said that he wished to die in his own country. This execution will probably have a most salutary effect, especially among the Pathans who believe it is not their duty to fight against Pathans who may be enemies to the British. The latest telegrams from Jellalabad report all quiet there. Friendly messages have been received from the Ghilzai chiefs.

Bombay, Dec. 22.—An official despatch fully confirms the report that the Ameer of Afghanistan had fled to Turkestan leaving Yakob Khan in power.

Yakob Khan (Amer—Shere Ali's son) has been proclaimed Amer of Afghanistan. Yakob Khan has arrived at Jellalabad, which is regarded as a sign of submission.

Bombay, Dec. 28.—The report of the arrival of Yakob Khan at Jellalabad is not confirmed.

Hongkong, Dec. 31.—The fire at Hongkong has destroyed 868 houses valued at £900,000.

Lahore, Dec. 28.—General Roberts reports that this column marched on the 6th to Ali Khel, leaving a wing of the 8th and 2 guns in Kotal, with the 29th Native Infantry in support in the valley below. Prisoners state that the Ameer's intention had been to press on troops from Cabul and Kuski, and to make a night attack on the camp.

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Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja9

Hongkong, January 4, 1879.

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